

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A camera comprising:
 - an image display for displaying at least one of a captured image and a reproduced image;
 - a touch panel for determining a pressure applied on a surface thereof, the touch panel being arranged over the image display; and
 - a controller for controlling operations of the camera according to the pressure determined by the touch panel.
 2. The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein the controller performs an image-recording preparation in a case that the pressure determined by the touch panel is no more than a predetermined value, and performs an image-recording in a case that the pressure determined by the touch panel is more than the predetermined value.
 3. The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
 - the touch panel determines a position of a touched portion on the surface thereof; and
 - the controller adjusts at least one of a focus and an exposure of the camera with respect to a principal subject corresponding to the position of the touched portion determined by the touch panel.
 4. The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein the image display displays the pressure determined by the touch panel.
 5. The camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein:
 - the image display displays a plurality of operational items;

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the touch panel determines a position of a touched portion on the surface thereof; and

the controller performs an operation of one of the plurality of operational items corresponding to the position of the touched portion determined by the touch panel.

6. The camera as set forth in claim 5, wherein:
the plurality of operational items include zooming; and
the controller changes zooming rate according to the pressure determined by the touch panel when performing the zooming.

7. The camera as set forth in claim 5, wherein:
the plurality of operational items include frame forwarding of the reproduced image; and
the controller changes frame forwarding speed according to the pressure determined by the touch panel when performing the frame forwarding of the reproduced image.

8. The camera as set forth in claim 5, wherein:
the plurality of operational items include screen scrolling on the image display; and
the controller changes screen scrolling speed according to the pressure determined by the touch panel when performing the screen scrolling on the image display.

9. The camera as set forth in claim 5, wherein:
the plurality of operational items include luminance adjustment of the image display; and

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the controller changes luminance of the image display according to the pressure determined by the touch panel when performing the luminance adjustment of the image display.

10. The camera as set forth in claim 5, wherein:

the plurality of operational items include volume adjustment at audio reproduction; and

the controller changes volume at the audio reproduction according to the pressure determined by the touch panel when performing the volume adjustment at the audio reproduction.

11. A camera comprising:

a touch panel for determining a pressure applied on a surface thereof; and
a controller for controlling operations of the camera according to the pressure determined by the touch panel.

12. The camera as set forth in claim 11, wherein the controller performs an image-recording preparation in a case that the pressure determined by the touch panel is no more than a predetermined value, and performs an image-recording in a case that the pressure determined by the touch panel is more than the predetermined value.

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